

28. (Unchanged) The method of claim 22, wherein said traversal step includes recursively accessing additional data structure levels.

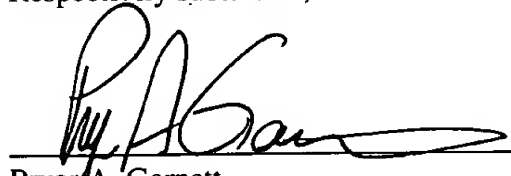
REMARKS

By this amendment Applicants have corrected a typographical error on page 8 of the Specification, and have amended the claims to more particularly point out the patentable aspects of their invention. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Applicants respectfully request early and favorable consideration of this application and allowance of all claims presented.

The Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if, in the Examiner's opinion, such a phone conference would expedite or aid in the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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